

HOUSE RESOLUTION 106

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A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee distilleries for their help and contributions during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented hardships on Tennesseans, and many Tennessee businesses stepped into unfamiliar roles in an effort to help citizens in need; and

WHEREAS, during the bleakest days of the pandemic, Tennessee distilleries had to suspend tours and tastings, cancel events, and furlough employees, while Tennessee and the nation experienced a massive shortage of hand sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, despite these hardships, Tennessee distilleries put the needs of others before their own, and began producing hand sanitizer instead of whiskey, helping to protect frontline workers, first responders, and at-risk populations from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, twenty-three members of the Tennessee Distillers Guild produced hand sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee distilleries produced nearly 4.5 million gallons of hand sanitizer and donated thousands of gallons to first responders, nursing homes, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, and other essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee distilleries produced enough hand sanitizer for all 330 million Americans to have a 50 milliliter bottle of hand sanitizer; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee distilleries were a crucial part of the early response to the COVID-19 pandemic; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor Tennessee's distilleries and their employees for pivoting their production efforts from distilled

spirits to sanitizing products to help support essential workers, first responders, and those at risk to COVID-19 throughout the State of Tennessee and for helping keep our citizens safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.